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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural area; if At& T is allowed not to maintain their copper networks I will be left with no internet access. My small business depends on it and there are no viable alternatives. I chose a competitive ISP supplier mainly because they have many copper accounts and can get better attention from At& T than I could by myself. My son lives a few miles away and cannot even get what I have, modest as it is, because the larger companies are moving to wireless, which is impossible for people in hilly areas. I believe that both the FCC and the large telecoms provide a public service and should not be allowed to 'disown' less than profitable accounts without offering an equally sufficient alternative. For instance, if a cable company were to string a line a mile away, I could not afford to pay the last mile fees. In this country and in this century the FCC should be maintaining basic access many of us in rural areas are dependent upon. We should not have to time travel backwards to satisfy stockholders. Internet access has become a 'public service' even if the laws don't say so. Do your job for the country, not the companies.

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